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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KIICHIRO SAKASHITA ET AL : EXAMINER: KEITH, J.

SERIAL NO: 09/696,947 :
FILED: OCTOBER 27, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3641

FOR: AN ABSORBING ROD, AN
APPARATUS FOR INSERTING
THE ABSORBING ROD, A CASK,
AND A METHOD OF STORING
SPENT FUEL ASSEMBLIES

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, beginning at line 6, please replace the paragraph as follows:

The present invention relates to an absorbing rod having a neutron absorbing capability for being inserted into a control rod guide pipe of spent fuel assemblies, an inserting apparatus for inserting the absorbing rod into the control rod guide pipe, a cask for containing, conveying and storing the spent fuel assemblies, and a conveying and storing method of spent fuel assemblies.



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
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